

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PROGRESS POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

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Subject: Frontier Chemical Processes, Inc., Niagara Falls,
Niagara County, NY - Cyanides, Oxidizers, Flam-
mables, Corrosives, Halogenated and
Non-Halogenated Solvents

POLREP NO: Fourteen (14)

II. BACKGROUND

SITE/SPILL NO.: AY
D.O. NO.: 0026-02-036
RESPONSE AUTHORITY: CERCLA/SARA
NPL STATUS: Non-NPL
START DATE: December 22, 1992
APPROVAL STATUS: Authorization of Funding from Deputy
Regional Administrator
STATUS OF ACTION MEMO: Signed May 17, 1993

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. See Polrep #1.

B. Actions Taken

1. The PRPs have selected a contractor to perform the drum removal work. Environmental Waste Technologies (EWT) of Massachusetts has mobilized to the site to review documents and submitted the Work Plan to EPA for review and approval. The OSCs provided a thorough, expedited review of the PRP work plan for the drum removal action. A letter of approval was sent to the designated coordinator of the PRP technical committee on October 27. Upon receipt of approval the PRP contractor began work within the Site. The PRP contractor is using five (5), four (4) man teams to sample the drums and two (2), four (4) man teams to perform the lab packing. The contractor will be working from 0700 hours to 2400 hours. The OSCs held an introductory site meeting to coordinate the logistics.
2. Representatives from two disposal facilities were on site to assist EWT in reviewing data, provided on profiles for the drums on site, and to develop possible bulking scenarios. Also visiting the site were representatives from TLI consultants whom were interested in obtaining documents linking the Frontier Chemical site to the Pendleton Landfill Site (a NYSDEC site). TLI has been hired by the Pendleton PRP group to investigate existing documents in hopes of uncovering additional PRPs.
3. As part of the AOC, TAT mobilized and completed the sampling and hazcatting of 392 drums containing wastes generated from the treatment processes during Frontier Chemical operations. The hazcatting data was provided to the PRP cleanup contractor and will be used to initiate the disposal process. The ERCS contractor assisted TAT in their sampling effort by opening and closing the drums, and provided equipment support.
4. OSC Harmon continues to compile the PRPs for the tanks at the Site. The OSC has completed the PRP list for the waste water treatment tanks which consist of a series of 14 tanks. These tanks have approximately 500 PRPs. TAT will assist the OSC with the remaining tanks.

5. ERCS continued to conduct winterizing activities on the boilers and performed a trial run on the heating system. Due to the heavy amount of precipitation experienced since the last reporting period, 39,000 gallons of water were pumped from the secondary containment areas and processed through the onsite GAC units.
6. The OSC has issued a delivery order to OHM, the EPA Region II ERCS contractor. This delivery order requests that OHM take over maintenance operations at the site. ETI, the current ERCS contractor, has provided excellent service to EPA, however, capacity of funding has been reached so EPA must use the Region II ERCS contractor at the site. An initial procurement request of \$100,000 was obligated to OHM.

C. Future Actions

1. Maintenance of the facility and 24-hour security will continue.
2. The OSCs and TAT continue to compile PRPs for the forthcoming tank removal action. The PRP contractor will continue to sample and composite drums into their various waste stream. Removal of drums off-site will commence following disposal facility approval. Movement of the drums off-site is not expected until early December.

D. Key Issues

1. As part of the negotiated AOC, EPA will continue to provide maintenance support to the PRP contractor.
2. EPA continues to process information requests as PRPs telephone requests, and mail FOIA requests to the EPA-OSC.

IV. COST INFORMATION:

| | <u>Obligations</u> | ETI Region II Contract Costs As of 11/03/93 | Total Remaining |
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| Obligated to DCN#932AKE0004, DCN#932AKE0010, DCN#932AKE0031 | \$ 900,000 | | |
| Amount Deobligated DCN#932AKE0031 | \$ -50,000 | | |
| Amount Deobligated DCN#932AKE0031 | \$ -65,000 | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 785,000 | \$ 775,000 | \$ 10,000 |
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| | | ETI Region III Contract costs as of 11/03/93 | |
| Amount Obligated to Present Contract DCN#932AKE0068 | \$ 350,000 | \$ 325,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| EPA/TAT Costs | \$ 632,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 332,000 |
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| Site Totals | \$ 1,767,000 | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ 367,000 |